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MONTEREY NEWS

MARCH, 1972

OUR TOWN

Town Seal Now Official

Before the 1971 town meeting residents of Monterey were invited to submit designs for a new town seal. At the meeting a year ago the design submitted by Edith Wilson was given informal approval. At the town meeting in February, 1972, the vote was taken to make the seal official.

The seal depicts two principal elements of Monterey, the village center and the lake area. In the center, dividing the two parts, is an elm tree.

Miss Wilson has been a resident for thirty years. She has her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Chicago. She has been active in town affairs through the years. In the recent election she gained a position on the Board of Appeals.

Pizzichemi Chairman of Selectmen

At the meeting following the town election John Pizzichemi was elected Chairman. He succeeds Robert Gauthier, who did not seek re-election this year. In a contest with Henry Wolfer, Richard Tryon was elected to fill the position vacated by Mr. Gauthier. Mr. Tryon was also named as the liaison person between the Selectmen and other town departments. Kenneth Heath, the other Selectman, was designated as Chairman of the Board of Health.

Camp Scholarships Offered By Fire Department

The Monterey Fire Department is offering two summer camp scholarships to any town child between the ages of 9 and 15 years. The scholarships are for one week for each child at Camp Howe, a 4-H camp. The child need not be a 4-Her. The only requirements are that a letter be written by the child stating why he or she wants to go, and that it be in by April 1st. The letter should be addressed to the Monterey Fire Department, Attention of Chief Raymond Tryon. A committee of three members, Kenneth Heath, Henry Makuc and William Mielke, has been formed for the selection of the children who are to receive these scholarships. Funds will come from the firemen's account.

Route 23 Bypass Decision Awaits Environmental Study

No decision as to the location of the Route 23 bypass can be made until the environmental impact study has been completed, according to word recently received from the Chairmen of the Joint Committee on Transportation. Representative Raymond Rourke and Senator Edward Burke have handed down this decision. Rourke, who visited Monterey recently, talking with both proponents and opponents of the bypass, indicated that if State agencies responsible for making the environmental impact study can delay final decisions, then it is appropriate that the Committee on Transportation hold off final decisions as well. There is no clear statement on how long it will take to have the study in hand, and then the legislative action, but estimates in the vicinity of one year have been given.

Save All Monterey Group Founded

On March 7, an organization called "Save All Monterey was formed. The purpose of S.A.M. is to promote the welfare and safety of all citizens in the town. The group hopes that through open forums and the dissemination of information it may bring to everyone a greater awareness and knowledge of some of the crucial issues confronting the town. Route 23 reconstruction and the proposed regional landfill site in Monterey are but two of the items which the group plans to study.

Officers elected at the organizational meeting were: Robert Gauthier, Chairman; John Ryder, Vice-Chairman; Ann Van Horn, Secretary; and Osborne E. Dugan, Treasurer.

CATHOLIC CHURCH NEWS

During the winter there is only one Mass, every Sunday at 10:00 a.m., at the Immaculate Conception Church at Mill River.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Notes — Morning worship, 10:30 o'clock every Sunday . . . . The Parish Council is studying our worship, especially for ways to use silence with more meaning . . . . Worship without an organ is different. We are still expecting it to be repaired and re-installed before Easter . . . . Girl Scout Sunday was observed March 12, with the girls giving special assistance in the morning worship.

Educational Program for Children — A program that has won the faithful attendance of the children is in operation. A study of the Holy Land is involving the two classes taught by Marie Brallier and Linda Hebert, assisted by Leslie Van Horn. The teachers report unusually consistent attendance Sunday after Sunday, as the students discover how to make the land where Jesus lived come alive. The two classes include children from kindergarten age up through the sixth grade.

Lenten Notes — Lenten sermons continue on the theme, "Searching the Mind of Christ". Scheduled for the remaining Sunday is: March 26, "Jesus on Vengance". . . . . There is to be a Men's Communion Breakfast on Palm Sunday, March 26, 7:30 a.m., at the Stockbridge Church. Tickets from Harold Greene and Hadley Simons . . . . Palm Sunday will be observed with the distribution of palms to all worshippers.

LADIES AID

A sum of $50 was donated by a friend to the Ladies Aid in memory of Ethel Humphrey, a loyal and active member of this group, the money to be used as a memorial. It was decided to put this sum into the organ fund in her name -- this in addition already contributed and noted in last month's MONTEREY NEWS.

At another meeting $17.50 was voted on to pay for Marie Brallier's attendance at a retreat for ministers' wives at Shadowbrook, Lenox, April 25-27.

Stella Howes

PHILERGIANS

The Philergians did not meet in February. This month's meeting will be on Wednesday, March 22, at the home of Marie Brallier -- a "show and tell" session, where each will show the group some individual creation or accomplishment and tell something of its origins or background.

Margery Janes

OLD MAN'S CONSOLATION

The wise are not respected
In their youth;
Which of their teachers yearns
To know the truth?

Indeed young wisdom is
Not wise enough;
Its grasp is insecure,
Its product rough.

Years pass, professors die,
Folly matures,
Hot winds wilt false hopes;
Wisdom endures.

[illegible]ly Janes

THE ART OF CREATIVE CONTROVERSY

It is my hunch that the Monterey community may be in a mood to begin work on developing the art of creative controversy. One thing that sets the stage for such an enterprise is to have an abundant supply of raw material. The raw material, in short, is those actual situations over which people find themselves in disagreement. There is no question but what this ingredient is in plentiful supply here in Monterey.

Most of us disclaim any desire for controversy. We wish we could settle issues peacefully, agreeably, with no troubling of the civic and social waters. But alas, when there are things we care about deeply, we usually find that there are other people who care as deeply as we do and who will not let us take matters into our own hands. They simply insist there is a better way than the one we wanted to take. So controversy ensues. People get hurt. They get separated into opposing camps. Then the process gets highly politicized. Eventually each camp takes counsel more and more within itself and communicates less and less with the other. The pressure within each camp is to gain power and force its way through. And when it is settled "that is that!"

Now it strikes me that this is a terribly sterile process. We assume that controversy is bad and the only reason we engage in it is because we must. We just want to win our own battles and get them over with, so that we can get back to more normal, and certainly more agreeable pursuits.

Suppose, rather, that we assume controversy is native to our humanity, that it is an ingredient that is practically inevitable in any viable group of human beings, at least in our western culture. May not this very understanding begin to clear the way for a much more constructive handling of controversy? Then we can start to use it as a resource to be developed, rather than as an evil that keeps forcing itself upon us in spite of our "pure" desire to avoid it.

In actual fact, this is something of the way sexuality has been handled. Our fathers (and some of us, too, I fear) saw sex as basically an evil to be tolerated. We were embarrassed by its demands and tried to "get it out of our system" as best and as quickly as we could, so that we might get on with the real claims of life. But what a different story, once our sexuality is accepted as "good"! We accept its rightness in us, and we learn how to make it a constructive force in our lives.

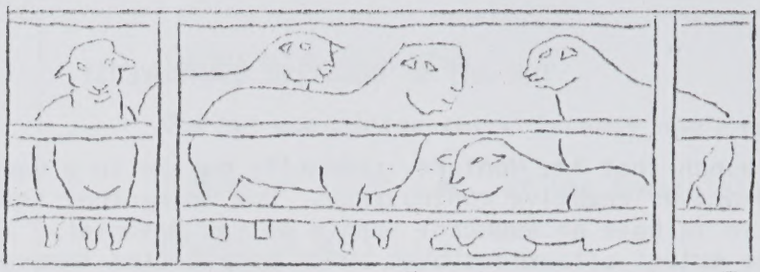
So it is with the "human stuff" out of which controversy is made. That which makes a man stand up for his integrity and uphold his values cannot be bad. But because it often brings us into collision with other persons, we are troubled by it. We try to avoid it. We handle much of our business of controversy in semi-secret fashion. We should not be surprised that the net result of such poor handling of this live material convinces us that it is essentially an evil we are forced into by the perversity and bull-headedness of the persons with whom we have to deal.

Right now, the Monterey community could start working toward the exciting business of turning its controversy into a more creative enterprise. One way we might do this would be with a "town forum" in which we would commit ourselves to meet on a fairly regular basis to deal with our differences face to face. Knowing some of the things we find ourselves thinking about those who oppose us, we might find this approach dangerous or threatening. That's just the point. We need to find a way to remove the semi-secret quality that infects our combative impulses when they are stirred up by controversy. There is nothing that frees us, nothing that releases the creative qualities in us so much as the ability to be open with those with whom we differ.

I would like to know how you feel about the proposal that we find means such as a town forum to get us started toward a more creative use of our controversy. If there is interest enough, then we should start to do something about it.

Virgil V. Brailler, Minister
United Church of Christ

EDITOR'S NOTE: An interesting letter on one of the controversial issues in town, signed "a very aroused and concerned resident of Monterey", has been received, but as the writer did not identify himself, it was not considered appropriate for publication by the staff of the MONTEREY NEWS.



GOULD FARM NEWS

The Gould Farm family has sorrowed at the death of Wadsworth Mullen on February 5th. For the past two years he had served the Farm as Director of Publicity, using his business training and his keen understanding of financial matters to present the Farm's needs to the general public. He was a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Northwestern University and had gone on to earn a Master's degree in Business Administration. He worked for the Office of War Information and also for many years as Director of the Magazine Advertising Bureau. Among his friends he was known as "Moon"--from the character in the comic strip--and this is the name by which Gould Farm will warmly remember him. A memorial service was held here February 19th.

The Reverend Harold Criswell ("Cris") left Gould Farm on February 10th to take over his new position as minister of the United Church of Christ in Arlington, Massachusetts. He was Director of Guest Services at the Farm and had served the Monterey Church as Director of Youth Work. He was also a member of the Board of the Berkshire Mental Health Association and of the Commonwealth's Board of Mental Health for the Western area. Cris and his family have left a big empty place at Gould Farm.

The Reverend Thomas J. Bigham, S.T.D., is now counselling at the Farm, part-time. Dr. Bigham is at present a resident of New Marlboro. He has for many years been a professor and lecturer at the General Theological Seminary in New York City, at Columbia University, and at other centers in the East.

The Reverend Carrol Turner, minister of the Morningside Baptist Church in Pittsfield, conducted the evening service March 5th. He brought with him 30 members of his church for supper and the service.

There was a St. Patrick's Day Concert at Gould Farm on Friday, March 17th, under the direction of Mrs. Rose Jockwig. The program consisted of Irish melodies for voices and instruments, jigs and reels and piano duets. Kathleen King, visiting pianist, and Rosemary Shea, visiting vocal soloist, were featured.

Rose McKee

NEW MARLBORO-MONTEREY PTA

The next regular meeting of the New Marlboro-Monterey PTA will be held at the New Marlboro School on April 11, 1972, at 8:00 p.m. There will be a panel discussion on the topic "How Good Are Your Schools?". The panel will be made up of a parent, teacher, student and administrator from our school district. Mr. Coleman Nimick, school committeeman from New Marlboro will act as moderator. There will be an opportunity for general discussion on this topic in the course of the evening and there will be the delightful refreshment hour.

The card party for the PTA Scholarship Fund will be held on April 3 under the able chairmanship of Mrs. Peter Brown. We would appreciate the donations of prizes or stamp books for this event and if you're able to donate either, please call Mrs. Brown or Mrs. Fennell. The tickets for this event will be on sale soon.

On March 9 a coffee hour was held at the New Marlboro School for a general discussion of the Multi-Level School and to familiarize parents with our school and to explore the best method of reporting to parents on their children's progress in school.

The New Marlboro-Monterey PTA is trying to meet the needs of the community on the education front and everyone is welcome at our meetings, whether you are an interested taxpayer or the parents of children in the Southern Berkshire District. It is a proven fact that the school systems which have community support and interest are the best school systems. Teachers respond better when they know the people care, and children always profit from an interest in their work and experiences. We are looking forward to seeing YOU at our next meeting.

Mildred H. Fennell
President

CUB SCOUTS

On Saturday, March 4, the Cub Scouts Pack 51, with Dens from New Marlboro and Monterey and the Webelos, had their Blue and Gold Banquet in the Monterey Church basement. The guest speaker was Mr. Herb Johnson from the Boy Scouts. The following received awards:

Jeffrey Gower	- Bobcat award
Kevin Bradley	- Wolf award + 1 gold, 1 silver arrow
Douglas MacKenzie	- Wolf award
Bruce Biber	- Wolf award
John Ormsbee	- Bear award, + 1 gold arrow
Shawn Ryder	- 1 gold arrow
Mark Makuc	- 2-year pin

During the month the cub scouts worked on Indian heads made from macaroni and spacemen from paper cups and styrofoam balls. They also made cub scout place cards for the Blue and Gold banquet. Next month's theme will be "Hobbies and Pets".

Kenneth R. Heath, Jr.

BROWNIES

The Brownies have enjoyed sledding and ice skating in the past weeks, as well as doing some simple macramé. The girls made their own cherry pies to celebrate Washington's Birthday. They will be going to Great Barrington this month to celebrate the 60th birthday of scouting, along with other troops from the area.

Mary Jo Lemmerman

MONTEREY YOUTH GROUP

A major project of the Monterey Youth Group this year has been to work toward the development of a youth center in Monterey. An item was included in the town meeting warrant, seeking permission to build on the corner of the town property, just off the edge of Greene Park. There were still legal problems to be settled, so that no decision could be made at the meeting, except to encourage the Youth Group to work with responsible committees and other groups toward this end. A committee was set up to work with the youth, comprised of John Pizzicheml, Maryellen Brown, Ben Blackshire, Thomas Bradley and Virgil Brallier.

JUNIOR HI YOUTH GROUP

The Junior HI group is having a busy schedule this month. They will be presenting a feature film, "Ring of Bright Water" on Friday evening, March 24, at 7 p.m. in the church social room. The whole community is invited.

A Junior HI dance is scheduled for early in April. Junior HI youth in surrounding areas are to be invited.

Last year our group sponsored the Easter breakfast. We are discussing plans for another Easter breakfast in the church social room this year.

Virgil V. Brallier

4-H CLUBS

Monterey Roadrunners

The Roadrunners entered the poster and window exhibit contest again this year. The theme was "Leader Recruitment" and the exhibit and posters were on display at the Monterey Post Office. The exhibit won an "excellent" ribbon, and the posters won as follows:

Susan and Wendy Bynack	- excellent
William Bynack	- very good
Kristine and Kenny Heath	- excellent
Susan Heath	- very good
Carol and Julie Burns	- good

The Monterey Roadrunners served a ham dinner in the church social room on Saturday, March 18, and it was a great success.

Kenneth R. Heath, Sr.

Monterey Panhandlers

On Wednesday, February 23, during vacation, the cooking group met in the church social room and prepared a luncheon for themselves, reviewing what they had learned during the year. The menu was chosen by the group, and they prepared and served everything themselves. Members present were: Wendy and William Bynack, Kristine and Kenny Heath and Shawn Ryder. Our other member, who could not be with us that evening, is Danny Andrus. Six more cooking sessions will be held before the group stops for the summer. During these six classes each member will be given a chance to prepare a given recipe entirely alone.

Gail Heath

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